

BY REPRESENTATIVE DIXON

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to study

3 standards it uses to approve alternative education programs as such standards relate

4 to providing sufficient counseling services and appropriate security and to submit a

5 written report of its findings, including any recommendations for legislation relative

6 to the issue, to the House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on

7 Education not later than sixty days prior to the beginning of the 2010 Regular

8 Session.

WHEREAS, R.S. 17:416.2(C) provides that alternative education programs may mean programs designed to offer variations of traditional instructional programs and strategies for the purpose of increasing the likelihood that students who are unmotivated or unsuccessful in traditional programs or who are disruptive in the traditional school environment remain in school and obtain a high school diploma; and

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1 environments, sometimes referred to as "boot camps", "police schools", or "court schools";
2 and

3 WHEREAS, there is some concern about the standards that BESE uses when
4 approving alternative education programs, particularly as related to the provision of adequate
5 counseling services and security; and

6 WHEREAS, it is critical that issues relative to the standards used by BESE when
7 approving alternative education programs be carefully reviewed and analyzed in order to
8 ensure the safety and educational success of the students of Louisiana.

9 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
10 urge and request the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to study standards
11 it uses to approve alternative education programs as such standards relate to providing
12 sufficient counseling services and appropriate security and to submit a written report of its
13 findings, including any recommendations for legislation relative to the issue, to the House
14 Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education not later than sixty days
15 prior to the beginning of the 2010 Regular Session.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the
17 president of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and the state
18 superintendent of education.

DIGEST

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Requests BESE to study the standards it uses to approve alternative education programs as such standards relate to providing sufficient counseling services and appropriate security and to submit a written report of findings, including recommendations for legislation relative to the issue, to the House and Senate education committees at least 60 days prior to the 2010 R.S.